NanoExperiences: Pathways to Workforce Success

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PROJECT COMPONENTS

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Pathways to Workforce Success

The purpose of *NanoExperiences* is to develop and evaluate an out-of-school time (OST) program that combines academic learning in emerging Nanoscience and Technology (NS&T) content with additional supports – setting high expectations, building background knowledge, and motivating students—to prepare high school Career and Technical Education (CTE) students for postsecondary learning leading to participation in the STEM workforce.

PARTICIPANTS



STEM and NS&T careers.



An out-of-school time program



that engages students in cutting motivation and self-efficacy to edge STEM content that connects participate in the STEM workforce Program students to career options. knowledge, skills, and dispositions Coordinator for academic/career success understanding of NS&T content **Denver Public Parent**/ Instructors **School Students** Family Pilot 1: 20 Pilot 2: 40 **Mentor Benefit: Parent/Family Benefit:** Nano **Business** Increased expectations and Mentors are making a difference Mentor aspirations for student's future in students' lives and developing school and career goals. the future workforce. • Heightened understanding of

FOUNDATIONAL RESEARCH

THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK



Build students' academic background knowledge Science Technology and Society Tools and Instrumentation Size and Scale







Set high expectations for students



Motivate students through real-world science laboratory experiences



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